

REMARKS

Claims 46-67 remain pending in this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

The office action states that the first sentence of the specification should be amended to refer to all of the other reissue applications in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.777(a). By this amendment, a cross-reference to co-pending application no. 09/775,106 is made. Further, the reference to 09/366,685 is updated to RE 37,585 E.

REJECTIONS

Claims 46-67 stand rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 251. Enclosed are appropriate supplemental declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1).

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

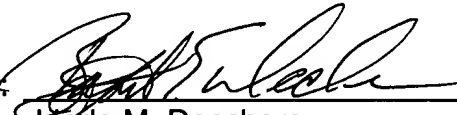
The Examiner states that claims 46-47 would be allowable upon filing a corrected reissue declaration. Accordingly, Applicant has enclosed corrected reissue declarations. Therefore, claims 46-47 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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